Functioning of APDRP

†1803. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programmes (APDRP) was planned in 2003 for extensive reforms in power sector;

(b) whether the target of bringing down Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses of power upto fifteen per cent during the next five years was fixed under the programme;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the progress made in the direction of achieving the stipulated targets in the country upto December, 2007; and

(d) the state of T&D losses of power during 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Government had launced Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) in the year 2002-03 with the objective of encouraging reforms and of reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss, improving quality of supply of power and improving consumer satisfaction.

(b) The target under APDRP was to reduce AT&C losses to 15% in five years to begin with in urban and high density consumption areas.

(c) AT&C loss has come down in towns where APDRP has been implemented. Further, some of the utilities which adopted various interventions as envisaged under the programme have shown significant reduction in AT&C loss. At town level, AT&C losses have been brought below 20 per cent in 215 APDRP towns in the country of which 163 towns have brought AT&C losses below 15 per cent.

(d) The draft report on Performance of State Power Utilities for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 prepared by the Power Finance Corporation indicates that the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss of the State Power Utilities at the national level for 2006-07 was 32.07% of the total energy available for sale.

Rationalisation of mega power policy

1804. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to further rationalize the existing mega power policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the companies which have shown interest to set up mega power plants in the country would be encouraged; and

(d) if so, in what manner and the likely generation of power during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

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